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**Capital Planning Committee
Meeting Memorandum
February 26, 2004**

In attendance were:

Rob Addelson
Steve Andrew
Fred Fantini (for John Bilafer)
John FitzMaurice
Charles Foskett, Chairman
Nancy Galkowski *
Ruth Lewis *
Anthony Lionetta
Barbara Thornton*

* Denotes those not in attendance.

- New Town Manager:** Mr. Brian Sullivan, the new Town Manager, attended the meeting. Charlie F. provided him with history on the Capital Plan and the process followed. Key issues of the past few years were discussed. (Jarvis House, Field House, Fire Station Upgrades) Plan materials were distributed including Debt Service Table, Draft FY 2005 Plan, Draft 5 Year Plan, and Meeting Agenda.
- Town Meeting:** Charlie F. reported that the Special Town Meeting voted the \$250,000 for the drain line upgrade recommended by the CPC to be done as part of the Peirce Field Clean up project.
- Adjustments to FY 05 Plan:** The Peirce Field Surface Restoration Item has been moved from the "Bonding" column to the "Other" Column given the revised agreement with the Industrial Parties. The Town may still have an unfunded liability depending upon the final cost of the remedial work. One strategy discussed to deal with this possible future cost is to lighten the load on FY 06 Capital Plan. Phase 2 of the Spy Pond Shore (\$500k) was pushed forward from FY 05 to FY 06 as part of the CPC's deliberations this fall because of trying to fit the Peirce Field project into FY 05. It now may be best to move this back into FY 05. This will allow the Spy Pond Shore Improvements to be bid as one project and likely result in a more cost effective construction project. Also, it may be prudent to move up Hurd Field Improvements (\$175,000) from FY 06 to FY 05. Lastly, the suggestion was made to move the request of \$40k for Thompson and Stratton School repairs from FY 06 to FY 05. This will provide \$80k in FY 05 for these repairs. Charlie F. requested Tony L to work with Nancy G and the Brian S. to explore this approach. A report on this was requested by the next CPC meeting.
- Maintenance Stabilization Funds:** There was discussion about the Governor's proposal to reactivate the SBAB program. This proposal would require municipalities to provide for the maintenance of school buildings financed under this program. This may be a good opportunity to set up a fund for the preservation of Town and School Buildings. This has been a long discussed notion in Arlington. Charlie F. raised the idea of directing the long awaited State reimbursements for Ottoson to this fund (say \$4,000,000). Also, there was discussion about raising the Capital Plan's level of funding to a greater percentage to further fuel the Stabilization Fund. It was agreed

that Rob A. would work with Brian S and Nancy G. to explore options in this regard. A report on this was requested by the next CPC meeting.

5. Adjournment: Next meeting is set for March 11, 2004. The FinCom presentation is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2004.